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PENNSYLVANIA--KEYSTONE OF DEMOCRACY

RADIO SERIES

The Pennsylvania Historical Commission, in cooperation with the State Council of Defense, has released for broadcast over a network of some twenty-seven stations in Pennsylvania the first in a series of twenty-six recorded radio dramatizations of outstanding incidents in the history of the Commonwealth.

The series is headlined under the title, PENNSYLVANIA--KEYSTONE OF DEMOCRACY. Each script deals with a particular event or personality in Pennsylvania history showing how the State has played a key role in the development and preservation of American democratic institutions and ideals.

Arranged as a contribution to morale and patriotic citizenship, the series is designed to arouse the pride of Pennsylvanians in the truly great role which their State has played in the growth of democracy. The lesson which each broadcast attempts to present is that Pennsylvania in view of its past has a particular responsibility in the fight for freedom today.

The series begins with the thrilling story of Washington at Valley Forge. Other subjects in the series will include a dramatization of the founding of Pennsylvania by William Penn and its grounding in ideals of toleration and democratic liberty, the thrilling story of the building of Perry's fleet at Erie and the role it played in saving the United States from invasion in 1813, incidents connected with the drafting of the Declaration of Independence and the framing of the Constitution at Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania's contribution to saving the Union in Civil War days.

Another script is built around the story of the first oil well at Titusville in 1859 and emphasizes the role of the Pennsylvania petroleum industry in the war effort; another recording will center about the rise of the steel industry in Pennsylvania and its importance in national defense.

Widespread interest in the series is already indicated and the broadcasts are expected to be the opening gun in a drive to arouse Pennsylvanians to a sense of the important part which their State has taken in making the American democratic way of life a reality. Pennsylvanians, therefore, have perhaps a larger stake in the preservation of that democracy than the citizens of any other state. Emphasis will be placed upon the fact that Pennsylvania has been and still is the "keystone of democracy."

LISTED BELOW ARE THE STATIONS CARRYING THE SERIES AND THE TIME OF BROADCAST:

WTEL, Philadelphia, Thursdays 11:45 to noon

WIP, Philadelphia, Sundays 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.

WFIL, Philadelphia, Saturdays 12:00 to 12:15 p.m.

WHAT, Philadelphia, Saturdays 2:45 to 3:00 p.m.

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WWSW, Pittsburgh, Thursdays 8:30 to 8:45 p.m.

WKBO, Harrisburg, Fridays 9:45 to 10:00 a.m.

WKOK, Sunbury, Saturdays 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.

WAZL, Hazleton, Wednesdays 2:45 to 3:00 p.m.

WMRF, Lewistown, Wednesdays 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

WHJB, Greensburg, Thursdays 5:45 to 6:00 p.m.

WMBS, Uniontown, Saturdays 8:30 to 8:45 p.m.

WBRE, Wilkes-Barre, Sundays 10:00 to 10:15 p.m.

WGBI, Scranton, Wednesdays 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.

WARM, Scranton, Wednesdays 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

WCED, DuBois, Fridays 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.

WKST, New Castle, Wednesdays 7:30 to 7:45 p.m.

WIBG, Glenside, Sundays 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

WSAN, Allentown, Tuesdays 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

WGAL, Lancaster, Wednesdays 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.

WLEU, Erie, Wednesdays 9:00 to 9:15 p.m.

WORK, York, Mondays 9:45 to 10:00 p.m.

WJAC, Johnstown, Thursdays 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.

WRAK, Williamsport, Wednesdays 5:45 to 6:00 p.m.

WEST, Easton, Saturdays 1:00 to 1:15 p.m.

WFBG, Altoona, Fridays 9:30 to 9:45 p.m.

KDKA, Pittsburgh, (to be programmed in the near future)

KYW, Philadelphia, (to be programmed in the near future).